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For: SENSOR UNIT, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING
CONDENSATION ON A SURFACE

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Sir:

As a continuing means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in-accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant through his undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement for the Examiner's consideration. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2) only a copy of each foreign patent document and non-patent literature document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith.

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The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in a International Search Report in counterpart International patent application No. PCT/EP03/06073. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Of the non-English documents listed on Form PTO-1449, document AC, German Patent No. 20012060, claims priority to document AD, German Patent No. DE 19932438, of which an English abstract is attached. Document AD is also described in detail in the above-identified application at pages 6 and 9.

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Respectfully submitted,

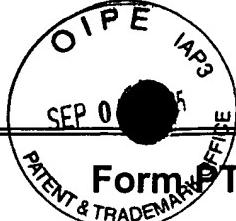
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NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of author in CAPS; title of article; title of book, magazine, journal etc.; date; page(s); volume/issue number(s); publisher; city and/country where published.
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